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## Assessor advises of changes in personal property taxes

Logan County Clerk-Assessor, Debbie Myers, reports with the recent ending of the 2020 Legislative session, it has been brought to the attention of the Assessor's Office that the passing of LB 1107 has eliminated the Personal Property Relief Act effective immediately, starting tax year 2020.

A letter sent out by the Nebraska Department of Revenue's Property Assessment Division states,

"this means that the exemption from taxation for the first \$10,000 of valuation of a taxpayer's tangible personal property in each tax district is no longer valid and taxes will apply to the full value of tangible personal property reported for the current tax year."

This means you will receive a tax statement for 2020 in December, with a tax amount due, whereas,

if the exemption had remained in place, you would have no tax amount due to pay for 2020.

Please look over your tax statements carefully to see if you have a personal property amount due for 2020.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Logan County Assessor's office at 308-636-2311.

## Chamber plans fund-raising murder mystery in October

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce members met Thursday, August 27, for a regular meeting and heard a report on the annual fair barbecue, approved plans to move forward with a fundraiser in October, and will be getting information on an electronic message sign on U.S. Highway 85.

A representative from Condon Signs, LLC, will be coming to Stapleton to provide information on a digital sign. Grants will be applied for, and the Chamber will be conducting fund-raising for the project, as well as visiting with local entities to see if they can provide financial help.

No official report was given on the fair barbecue, but a list of donors was published in last week's edition of *The Enterprise*. Chamber thanks all those who gave monetary donations and their time to make this a success again this year.

Members voted to proceed with a murder mystery on October 24 at the Stapleton Community Center. "Murder at Deadwood Saloon" will be presented and a steak meal will be offered for those who wish to attend. All proceeds will go towards the digital sign.

Chamber is deciding what to do about Tricked out Trunks since Halloween falls on a Saturday



this year. School will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30, the day the event would be held. Members voted to table this until the September meeting. Chamber will be providing "Bucks" for best costumes at Stapleton Public Schools. There will be eight \$5.00 prizes given this year.

Chamber voted to approve the \$30.00 Fight Club sponsorship for the Stapleton Booster Club.

Junior Chamber member applications have been sent out and members will vote on new members in September.

Discussion centered around support of the Au-

gusta Wind Golf Course and having a community night to boost the course on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Chamber will meet with the golf board to discuss this event and suggestions included having a photographer take family pictures at the course, businesses giving away prizes, and a possible golf cart raffle. A barbecue would be served by Chamber. This would be a good way to showcase the golf course and provide a fun outing for families.

The next regular Chamber meeting was set for Thursday, September 24, at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

## Freedom Ride 2020

Senator Tom Brewer has announced his schedule for "Freedom Ride 2020." The ride began September 6 and will finish up Wednesday, September 16, when he will hold a meet and greet at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in Thedford at 7:30 p.m.

Senator Brewer is a conservative Republican, elected to the Nebraska legislature in 2016.

His Nebraska committee

assignments in 2019-2020 include the education committee, and government, military and veterans affairs committee chairperson.

He is endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Nebraska Republican party, NSEA (Nebraska State Education Association) and supported by the Nebraska Cattlemen and Nebraska Right to Life - Pro Life appointee.

Senator Brewer is seeking re-election and will be facing Tanya Storer of Whitman in the General Election slated for November 3, 2020.

District 43 is comprised of Blaine, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Sheridan, and Thomas counties and the eastern portion of Box Butte county. District 43 is home to more than 37,500 Nebraskans.

## September is healthy aging month

For the past twenty years, September has been recognized as Healthy Aging Month, an annual occurrence to raise awareness about the positive aspects of growing older - targeting the

70 million Baby Boomers (born between 1946-1964) and more than 65 million members of Generation X (born between 1965 - 1980).

Both groups share common interests and de-

sires: staying active and vital as long as possible, both physically and mentally. A recent study con-

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## Stapleton Fire & Rescue assists at injury accident



The 2008 BMW, driven by Eli Brooks, was estimated as a total loss.

Lincoln County 911 Center received a report of a two vehicle injury accident on August 31 at 9:21 p.m. The accident occurred near mile marker 99 on U.S. Highway 83, about thirteen miles north of North Platte. First responders, deputies and Nebraska State Troopers all responded to the scene, including Stapleton Fire & Rescue.

It was discovered there

were two occupants in each vehicle all with injuries from minor to life threatening.

All four subjects were transported to Great Plains Health for treatment by Stapleton and North Platte ambulances.

The preliminary investigation revealed Sherry Cozad, 55, of Woodlake, NE was southbound on Highway 83, driving a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe. Eli



LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PHOTOS

Sherry Cozad was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe when it was rear ended by the Brooks vehicle.

Brooks, 46, from Chicago, Illinois was driving a 2008 BMW and was also southbound.

Mr. Brooks apparently was traveling much faster than Ms. Cozad and rear-ended her, causing both vehicles to leave the roadway.

Authorities requested assistance and Logan County Deputy Sheriff, Dalen Wood, assisted with his canine drug dog.

Mr. Brooks was medically cleared and arrested by Nebraska State Patrol for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol above .15.

Mr. Brooks was placed in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

The case remains under investigation by Nebraska State Patrol and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Alcohol is a factor in the accident.

## Sen. Brewer to present Legislature 101 Workshop

Do you want to know how a bill becomes a law? A hands-on workshop will teach and inspire you to be involved in the Unicameral and the meaning of the 'Second House.'

Skip Hecox, Republican chairman for Logan County, is inviting you to attend a Nebraska Legislature 101 Workshop hosted by Senator Tom Brewer on Tuesday, September 15 at Ft. Robinson State Park, Ft. Robinson, Nebraska.

District 43 State Senator Brewer will be speaking on "Understanding the Legislative Process, plus 'Big Pros & Little Cons of Nebraska - EPIC Consumption Tax.'"

Networking starts at 3:30 p.m. MDT and the session will run from 4:00

p.m - 5:45 p.m., followed by an optional steak fry.

The hands-on workshop will teach and inspire you to be involved in:

- The Legislative process from citizen idea - research - draft - hearing - floor debates - signed into law by the Governor.

- The Unicameral and the meaning of the "Second House" being the power of the people working together.

- A statewide group of citizens who will work with and positively influence our state legislature.

- Cutting edge insights on future EPIC consumption tax saving for your family.

Contact Skip Hecox at 308-529-1861 if you are interested in attending

## Next Local Blood Drive Will Be September 23

Your next opportunity to give blood locally will be Wednesday, September 23, when a Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

### Free Farm Clinic Dates

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free clinic that will give you a chance to meet with an experienced Ag law attorney and farm financial counselor. These clinic staff specialize in legal and economic issues related to farming and ranching, including business planning, estate and transition planning, farm loan programs, debt-or/creditor law, and other relevant matters.

Dates are Wednesday, September 9, 16, and 23.

Please note, as of now, the clinics are being conducted

as conference calls or as Zoom meetings. It is therefore possible to attend a clinic from any location in the state. In-person clinics are expected to resume in the near future.

To sign-up for a clinic or for more information, call Michelle at the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline at 1-800-464-0258.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Legal Aid of Nebraska sponsor the farm clinics and there is no cost to farmers and ranchers.

### Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
29	84	49	0
30	81	48	0
31	90	50	0
1	72	47	.03
2	82	47	0
3	86	47	0

Total moisture for August was 1.23".  
Total normal August moisture was 1.95".  
Total for the year: 18.88".

### Local Wins All Around

Coy Johnston of Stapleton won the All-Around buckle at Bloomfield #2 high school rodeo. See story on page 9.

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